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Overseas recruiting to cost \$180,000

By **NEIL MACKINNON**
Metro Calgary

Calgary's labour woes are seeking a European solution.

Mayor Dave Bronconnier will head to London, England, later this month in an effort to shore up the slouching ranks of Calgary's skilled labour market, hoping to lure those considering a move from the United Kingdom to the bright lights of the new west.

Bronconnier's \$10,000 excursion to open the London Job Expo, along with local and provincial officials, is part of a two-week campaign targeting job fairs in London and Leeds that expect to draw around 10,000 potential emigrating employees.

The city is expected to send more than 20 staffers and drop around \$180,000 to attract labour to fill around 270 city jobs.

Canadian Taxpayers Federation Alberta director Scott Hennig said while the mayor's office has done a "great job" accounting for the costs of Bronconnier's globe-trotting, it hasn't done much accounting of the fruits born by such trips.

"He's certainly not shy about trumpeting his successes when he has them," Hennig said. "But when it comes to explaining exactly what benefits Calgarians are actually getting out of these trips, he's surprisingly quiet."

It will be Bronconnier's fourth and most expensive trip to Britain in the past 26 months.

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Chris Teel and two-year-old Rottweiler cross Chanel play ball at the River Park off-leash area yesterday. City administration will report back in January on whether to include off-leash areas in development plans as the city grows.

Dogs in city plans?

Council mulls making off-leash parks a must in new communities

By **NEIL MACKINNON**
Metro Calgary

New communities may be going to the dogs.

City council approved a motion by Ald. Brian Pincott to examine off-leash dog parks and their mandatory inclusion into new communities as both the human and dog populations continue to swell in the city.

report

► A report from city administration on including off-leash parks in city planning will be presented to council by next January.

Rick Wellington, 37, has been frequenting Southland's dog park — one of 141 in the city — for the past 12 years and all he has to do is put on a certain pair of shoes or jogging pants to whip his shepherd-cross dogs Keeley and Scout into a frenzied state.

Every time Wellington gets ready to go, his dogs know fun is afoot and

he said newer communities need space set aside in the planning process so it doesn't go to other uses.

"A lot of newer communities have young families with kids. Kids want dogs, and if you don't plan ahead for these spaces, you'll wind up having to drive halfway across the city to find one," he said.

"It's a very emotional issue, this dog off-leash recreational area," said Ald. Linda Fox-Mellway, adding community associations should be the ones to dictate the need for off-leash areas, not city legislation.

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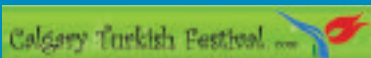
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Fort Calgary happy with festival cleanup

By KRISTA SYLVESTER
Metro Calgary

The recent Virgin Festival left a lasting impression on Calgarians minds, but it didn't leave a negative impact on the land.

Fort Calgary CEO Sara Gruetzner told Metro one day after the festival that the site looked to be in good shape.

"We were working with the Virgin people and they were very responsible and respectful to our needs. And from what I can tell so far everything looks good," she said, adding the land is very durable, usually hosting Stampede breakfasts and hundreds of horses each summer.

Gruetzner said it was the first time Fort Calgary held such a large-scale event on the grounds, and will consider this outcome when determining future plans.

"We just have to take a breather and evaluate everything. It was really good to host such an event for the



Allison Joyce of Molson helps to clean up after the thousands of rock revellers at the Virgin Festival this past weekend.

city though and we were glad to be a part of it."

Virgin spokesperson Chris Baines also told Metro that

considering it was the first time Fort Calgary held such an event, everything went as planned.

Delay on 10-digit dialing

By ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

The big hype over the implementation of 10-digit dialing may have some staring blankly at their phones, especially if they've followed the rules and dialed "403" only to get an error message.

Chris Gerritsen with Telus said that every line is being switched manually, 15 switches at a time, meaning that not all lines are ready for the change even though it

'drop dead date'

» As of Sept. 12 new number subscribers may also receive a new area code, 587, since the Canadian Numbering Administrator's forecasted that area code 403 will run out of numbers by March 2009, and 780 by Oct. 2009.

was slated to start yesterday.

But he expects that every user on the Telus system will be hearing the long yet friendly reminder to use 10 digits by the end of the week.

"This (reminder period) will help ensure we hit the ground running," said Gerritsen, adding that Sept. 12 is the "drop dead date" for both Alberta and B.C.

Though some may find it a bit of a hassle to begin with, Calgarian Debbie Bradley, who used to live in Toronto where 10-digit dialing is a must, said it's "just three numbers" and we'll just have to get used to it.

"Every kind of change is always going to be a hassle to somebody," she said.

Livingstone

Man dies after slipping into river

SUNDAY Dangerous water conditions claimed the life of a Calgary man who slipped into the Livingstone River, north of Coleman on Sunday.

Blair Louis Schaub, 48, had been taking pictures with his girlfriend at about 2:45 p.m. when he fell. Passing motorists helped locate and retrieve the body. **METRO CALGARY**

Police nab driver of stolen car

Calgary police and RCMP captured a suspect driving a stolen vehicle after laying down a spike belt to stop him.

On Monday around 1 a.m. the K-9 unit assisted the RCMP after Mounties spot-

ted the vehicle on the Trans Canada Highway near Calaway Park.

The suspect hit a spike belt, careened off the road and fled on foot before he was caught. **METRO CALGARY**

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» **SHACKLED** Jada, a German Shepherd/Lab puppy was freed after managing to get a quarter inch piece of wrought iron wrapped around a rear

paw. Pet hospital employees, with the help of fire crews, held the pup down as a firefighter cut the metal with a hack saw. **METRO CALGARY**

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Get your jazz hands movin'

Festival kicks off with 'more great acts than ever'

By KRISTA SYLVESTER
Metro Calgary

Dazzling people of all musical tastes but not forgetting its roots, the Calgary Jazz Festival is bringing the roof down this week.

Featuring some of the best jazz artists in the world, old and new, the festival, which starts today, is

sure to have Calgarians sporting "jazz hands."

"We have more great acts than ever this year and a number of legendary jazz icons that just don't come around that often," Patrick Maiani of the festival told Metro.

Some notables include legendary icon Charlie Haden, Calgary boy Chris Tarry and vocal queen Beady Belle.

Maiani said the festival

isn't only one style of music. "It's not just for hardcore jazz fans, but we don't forget that it is a jazz festival though."

"It's just a lot of fun and a way to get to know the music better," he said.

There will be free noon-hour jazz sessions throughout the week and live musicians at various venues around the city.

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Zoo parking: \$5

Council OKs fee for next summer, chips in on new lots

By NEIL MACKINNON
Metro Calgary

Lions and tigers and fares, oh my.

City council wasn't about to monkey around as it approved a \$5 parking fee yesterday for the Calgary Zoo while chipping in \$1.96 million towards a \$7-million parking lot expansion and upgrade project, expected to pay for itself within a seven-year window.

The project will add 500 lots specifically for commuter use and remain entirely under zoo control for

«...it has evolved to a point where it is now troublesome to the zoo's operation to have that many transit customers parking there on a daily basis.»

City transportation general manager John Hubbell

the next 20 years, with all funds raised going directly into its own coffers.

The fees will come into effect next summer, but will be waived for school groups and zoo membership holders, said the zoo's chief financial officer, Grahame Newton.

Ald. Ric McIver said the zoo should foot the entire

bill, as they'll be the one's reaping the financial windfall for the parking lot, which has become a de-facto transit park and ride site, even though it has never been advertised as such.

"People are very clever, and they have discovered it in quite large numbers, and it has evolved to a point where it is now troublesome to the zoo's operation to have that many transit customers parking there on a daily basis," said city transportation general manager John Hubbell.

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» **CHARGES** Banff RCMP charged a Calgary man with attempted murder after an incident in the resort town west of Calgary. Police were called after midnight Sunday and found a

30-year-old man suffering from stab wounds. He was rushed to hospital in serious condition but has since been upgraded to stable. Police arrested three men trying to flee the scene

and charged 22-year-old Salman Akram with attempted murder. Kassem Youssef, 25, also from Calgary, was charged with aggravated assault.
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Science centre names CEO

Former VP looks to spearhead ambitious plan

By KRISTA SYLVESTER
Metro Calgary

Not wanting to just be a place for a rainy day and with visions of creating more partnerships, the Telus World of Science announced a new president and CEO.

Jennifer Martin, former vice-president of operations for the science centre, was elevated to the position of president and CEO to spearhead the effort to build the country's largest science centre here in Calgary.

"I'm so excited to be able to bring all of the wonderful ideas I have seen from around the country to the city and I think it is a really good opportunity," Martin told Metro.

"I think we're looking to form more partnerships within the community and engage the public. We want to be able to give back to the



Jennifer Martin, newly appointed CEO of Telus World of Science, poses with a model of the new science centre to be built in Calgary.

community and involve them, too," she added.

Martin has 21 years of experience with various science centres including the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto, and is excited to be a part of the three-year plan before the new centre opens

up by the Calgary Zoo, which Martin said will have a positive impact on the entire province.

The Telus World of Science Centre was happy the experienced Martin accepted the position and didn't have to look farther than its doors to

find her.

"After a nationwide executive search, we were pleased to confirm that the best possible candidate was already a member of the team," board of directors chair Don Kjosness said.

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Plane futures still up in the air

Aldermen want to stop sale of historic aircraft

By NEIL MACKINNON
Metro Calgary

The fate of Calgary's historic Mosquito and Hurricane aircrafts are still flapping in the wind.

However, some notion of their future will be revealed at a November committee meeting as city council approved administration to provide possible options for the planes' disposition.

"This is a part of history,"

said Ald. John Mar, encouraging city council to retain ownership, care and control over the city-owned Mosquito and Hurricane aircrafts.

"Calgarians would sleep a little bit better if we took the sale option off the table," said Ald. Ric McIver, just prior to his amendment guarding against a possible sale failed.

Mayor Dave Bronconnier said there are "all kinds of other options" on the table to restore the historic aircraft aside from using taxpayers' dollars, including working with other museums.

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Man charged for child porn

An Eden Valley man who worked at the Eden Valley School has been charged with sexual interference, possession of child pornography, accessing child pornography and voyeurism in relation to questionable photos found

near a printer at the Eden Valley School.

Further investigation led police to the Friday arrest of Leon Rider, 42, of Eden Valley.

He will appear in Okotoks Provincial Court today.

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The city of Gaeseong, North Korea, was recently opened to travellers from South Korea last December and is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that can be accessed for day-long trips from Seoul. As the 500-year-old capital



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A debate over unleashed dog rights in a Toronto park could be connected to the poisoning of at least six animals, said a Toronto police investigator yesterday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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Harper cabinet shuffle expected soon

Emerson likely to take on foreign affairs full time

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says his upcoming cabinet shuffle, expected any day now that Parliament has broken for the summer, will be a minor tweak to the ministerial ranks to fill the gap left by Maxime Bernier's departure as foreign affairs minis-

ter.

Harper asked International Trade Minister David Emerson to step into the foreign affairs post temporarily when Bernier resigned last month after leaving classified documents at the home of ex-girlfriend Julie Couillard.

Emerson will attend the G8 foreign ministers' meetings in Japan this week and many expect him to be asked to continue in the role, although he



senior shuffle coming

» Some insiders say the prime minister has suggested a larger shuffle could come in the fall if there is no election. In the meantime, it's expected at least 20 per cent of senior ministerial aides could be shuffled out.

and Harper have different views of how to approach China.

Emerson's cool handling of questions around NAFTA — when it became a political hot potato in the U.S. — and

around the Afghanistan prison break is said to have impressed Harper.

That scenario would see the prime minister likely shift a junior minister or parliamentary secretary such as Diane

Ablonczy, Ted Menzies or Christian Paradis into the international trade job, at least until a more major shuffle, possibly in the fall.

"I believe that most of our ministers are just beginning to hit their stride in their portfolios," Harper said last week.

"I don't believe this would be the time for major changes to cabinet," Harper told reporters. "I see no need for a comprehensive overhaul

now."

While some have suggested Finance Minister Jim Flaherty might be pegged for a move given his inflammatory comments on Ontario's economic prospects under the Dalton McGuinty government, many inside government say Harper is unlikely to do anything that would send a broader signal about uncertainty over the economy.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Terrorism trial begins in Ottawa

Khawaja facing life in prison for his alleged role in plot

By TRACEY TONG
Metro Ottawa

An Ottawa man was responsible for designing and creating a remote-controlled bomb detonator as part of a plot to attack populated areas of the United Kingdom, a downtown courtroom heard yesterday.

Mohammad Momin Khawaja, 29, created the device he called the "Hi-Fi Digi-monster" as his part of a U.K. bomb plot, prosecutor David McKercher charged yesterday during opening statements into one of the highest profile cases in Ottawa's history.

Citing intercepted e-mails and wiretapped conversations, McKercher described how Khawaja, a software developer who outwardly lived a middle-class life in Orleans, held extremist views and was



Azra Khawaja, left, and Mahboob Khawaja, the parents of Mohammad Momin Khawaja, leave the Ottawa courthouse yesterday during a break in their son's terror trial.

prepared to participate in killing civilians.

The court will hear evidence that Khawaja was part of a plan to build and detonate a bomb made from 600 kilograms of ammonium nitrate-based fertilizer "that could

cause massive destruction," said McKercher.

The first Canadian to be charged under a post-9/11 anti-terrorism law, Khawaja faces seven terror-related charges.

If convicted, he faces life in

prison.

He pleaded not guilty to all counts.

Khawaja was arrested in March 2004 at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, where he worked.

Edmonton woman finds live grenade

Police determine device belongs to Canadian military

The Canadian military and police are investigating after a package containing a brand new hand grenade, belonging to the army, was found in a suburban backyard in Edmonton, police said yesterday.

The Edmonton woman discovered the suspicious package on Sunday and took it to her local police station, where officers told her to

carefully place it on the lawn.

Police called in the bomb squad, which determined the item was a grenade, still in its packaging and belonging to the Canadian military.

The technicians made sure the package was secure and called military personnel in to dispose of the ordnance.

"It is quite unusual for someone to find a grenade in their backyard, especially one that hasn't been spent," Edmonton police spokeswoman Patrycia Chalupczynska said.

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» **MAD COW** A case of mad cow disease has been discovered in B.C. It is the third since 2005 for the province and the 13th case in Canada. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency said there was no risk to public health.

» **TASER** An Ontario man died yesterday after being Tasered by the Ontario Provincial Police, the force said in a press release. The incident occurred in Norfolk County, about 130 kilometres southwest of Toronto.

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Bernardo confession may clear man

Crown calling for exoneration due to 'fresh evidence'

The Ontario Crown has conceded a 40-year-old London, Ont., roofer should be exonerated of a 1987 knifepoint assault on a 15-year-old Scarborough, Ont., girl,

which serial killer Paul Bernardo has confessed to committing.

"The fresh evidence points to only one conclusion — Paul Bernardo committed this attack," Crown counsel Howard Leibovich said in a written legal argument filed yesterday in the Ontario



explains guilty plea

» In an affidavit filed with the court, Hanemaayer explained he opted to plead guilty because he was advised a conviction was likely and a plea would gain leniency.

Court of Appeal.

The Crown submitted its material in connection with a hearing that's scheduled to

take place tomorrow in the case of Anthony Hanemaayer, who was arrested on the strength of eyewitness

identification evidence from the mother of the teenage victim. The woman caught a glimpse of the knife-wielding assailant after hearing a noise inside the house and opening her daughter's door to find a sandy-haired man, approximately 20-years-old, straddling the bed in the

darkened room. He jumped off the bed and ran down the stairs.

Hanemaayer pleaded guilty part way through his 1989 trial. He is now asking the court to withdraw his guilty pleas, set aside his convictions and enter acquittals.

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Kill carbon tax, urges B.C. NDP

By JEFF HODSON
Metro Vancouver

B.C. provincial New Democrat Leader Carole James wants Premier Gordon Campbell to scrap the carbon tax before it takes effect next week.

"People are really angry," said James, who protested the impending tax in Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon's Surrey-Cloverdale riding yesterday with four Surrey NDP MLAs.

Environment Minister Barry Penner, however, called the NDP campaign "political opportunism of the worst kind."

"Climate change is going to affect future generations," Penner said.

The carbon tax, which was unveiled in February by former finance minister Carole Taylor, begins July 1 and will initially raise gas prices by 2.4 cents per litre at the pumps.

By 2012, the tax will rise to 7.2 cents per litre.

Environmental groups, like the David Suzuki Foundation, have called a carbon tax a "powerful incentive" to pollute less and invest in green technology.

Corporate and income tax cuts, as well as a credit for low-income families and a one-time \$100 climate-action dividend, make the tax revenue neutral.

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» Penner said the NDP is being "disingenuous or dishonest" and points to the party's recently released Framework for Real Climate Action that calls for a "carbon tax at source."

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In a study of more than 3 million adults, scientists in Texas found that hospital patients who abused amphetamines were 61 per cent more likely than other people to be treated for a heart attack.

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UN blasts Zimbabwe vote

Security Council says fair election 'impossible'

The UN Security Council declared yesterday that a free and fair run-off presidential election in Zimbabwe would be impossible now due to violence and restrictions on the opposition.

The nonbinding statement, the council's first formal action on Zimbabwe, was

adopted unanimously. This means it had the backing of South Africa, China and Russia, which had long opposed any council discussion of the crisis in Zimbabwe.

"The Security Council regrets that the campaign of violence and the restrictions on the political opposition have made it impos-

sible for a free and fair election to take place on June 27," the statement said.

«... The restrictions on the political opposition have made it impossible for a free and fair election to take place on June 27.»

UN Security Council statement

the election will take place on Friday," Boniface Chidzaisiku told reporters.

The Security Council text was watered down from an earlier version, which explicitly blamed President Robert Mugabe's government for the crisis and said opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai would be the legitimate leader if a credible run-off election cannot be held.

However, the final version says the council "notes that the results of the 29 March 2008 elections must be respected."

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U.S. troops kill 55 Taliban in ambush

Eastern front sees rise in violence

U.S.-led coalition troops killed some 55 Taliban insurgents who ambushed them in southeastern Afghanistan, close to the Pakistan border, the U.S. military said yesterday.

There has been a sharp rise in violence along Afghanistan's eastern frontier in recent months. NATO generals say de-facto ceasefires between Pakistan's new government and militants in its border region free up insurgents to infiltrate into Afghanistan.

Taliban insurgents ambushed the coalition forces with small arms fire and

town captured

» Pakistani militants loyal to Taliban commander Baitullah Mehsud captured a town at the entrance to the South Waziristan tribal region yesterday after a battle with pro-government tribesmen, police said.

rocket-propelled grenades in the Zerok district of Paktika province on Friday, a U.S. military statement said.

Among those killed were three Taliban leaders.

"Around 55 anti-Afghan forces were killed, 25 wounded and three detained as part of the combined response of coalition ground and air forces," the statement said.

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Weather hampers ferry rescue efforts

Many passengers feared trapped

Rescuers halted efforts yesterday night to find nearly 800 people missing from a capsized ferry in the Philippines as darkness fell and large swells prevented divers from drilling holes into the doomed vessel.

Many passengers were feared trapped inside the Princess of Stars after a handful of survivors said people were still onboard when the ship sank off the central island of Sibuyan in waves as big as houses during Saturday's typhoon.

But officials held little hope of finding people alive in air pockets on the ferry.

"We feel there is no life inside," said Lt.-Col. Edgard Arevalo, a Philippine navy spokesman.

The ship was resting upside down with the tip of its bow above water and its stern

found alive

» So far, more than 50 people have been found alive and at least 20 have been reported dead out of 864 passengers and crew on board.

resting on the bottom of the sea, easily visible from shore.

The coast guard said divers would cut open the 23,824 ton vessel today after rescue efforts were halted for the night.

At least 20 new survivors and 15 bodies were found close to Masbate island, at least 70 kilometres away from where the ship sank.

"We are still working on the positive identification of the survivors as well as the fatalities," Capt. Gilbert Rueros said.

The United States was sending a military ship, the USNS Stockham, with helicopters on board, to help with rescue efforts.

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Betty Suson shows a photographer a picture of her daughter, Marites Suson, yesterday next to a notice board where pictures of missing passengers of the capsized ferry Princess of Stars are being posted in Cebu City, Philippines.

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Floods kill 35 in China

Floods, landslides and hail in the southwestern Chinese province of Yunnan have killed 35 people, state media said yesterday.

The storms have affected around 1.9 million people and caused losses of some 575 million yuan (\$85 million

US) in the province, the official Xinhua news agency said, though it did not specify a time frame.

In the eastern province of Anhui, torrential rain and floods over the weekend affected about 541,000 people, it added.

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» **CAMP** International donors offered \$120 million yesterday to help rebuild a Palestinian refugee camp badly damaged in fighting between Islamist militants and the Lebanese army last year. The Austrian foreign ministry, hosting a conference in Vienna, said the sum had been pledged for the Nahr al-Bared camp in

northern Lebanon. It did not give a breakdown of the donations by country.

» **DRUNK** Police in Australia have charged a man for drunk driving in a motorized wheelchair after he was found to be six times over the legal alcohol limit, local media reported yesterday.

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» **HOLY LAND** Thou shalt not harm the environment during thy vacation. The Vatican sent out this message with advice to help tourists offset environmental damage. "One

can choose to be a tourist at odds with the Earth or in favour of it," said a Vatican council.

» **WILDFIRES** Fire crews battling wildfires across Northern

California expect cooler weather to help them gain an upper hand on blazes sparked by lightning over the weekend, a state fire spokesman said yesterday. **REUTERS**



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More CO2 cuts urged

Current standards don't go far enough: Experts

The world should cut the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere to below that of 20 years ago — more deeply than most government plans — to avoid the worst of climate change, a group of 150 advocates said yesterday.

"We've gone too far, in a dangerous direction," scientists, politicians, business

leaders and others said in full-page advertisements in the Financial Times, the New York Times, the International Herald Tribune and two Swedish dailies.

They said concentrations of carbon dioxide, the main greenhouse gas emitted by burning fossil fuels, should be

cut to below 350 parts per million (ppm) of the atmosphere, well below current levels of 385.

"Remember this number (350) for the rest of your life," said the headline of the advertisement, the latest in a battle over the shape of a new world treaty on climate change due to be agreed by the end of 2009. **REUTERS**

Early days

» The U.S. Congress was warned about carbon dioxide levels as early as 1988.

River rising Keeping watch



A woman looks at the River Padma from her house under threat from erosion of the river in Shariatpur yesterday. The banks along Bangladesh's major river are eroding following heavy monsoon rains.

Humans a threat to Machu Picchu

Urban growth, tourism endanger legendary site

The Inca city of Machu Picchu in the Peruvian Andes needs better protection from environmental threats including tourism and fast expansion of a nearby town, a leading conservation group said yesterday.

David Sheppard of the International Union for Con-

servation of Nature (IUCN) also said that Russian organizers of the 2014 Winter Olympic Games should reconsider sites for the bobsledding to curb threats to wildlife in the western Caucasus.

"Machu Picchu faces a lot of . . . challenges relating to tourism, uncontrolled growth of urban settlements,

landslides, fires," Sheppard told Reuters before a July 2-10 UNESCO meeting in Canada that will review a list of world heritage sites.

He said the IUCN want Machu Picchu to be added to a list of about 30 endangered sites worldwide among a total of 851 properties overseen by UNESCO. **REUTERS**

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Banks want concessions

All options on table in BCE deal, sources say

Banks funding the planned \$34.1 billion takeover of telecommunications company BCE Inc. have asked for more significant economic concessions and have weighed altering or scuttling the deal, sources familiar with the situation said yesterday.

The concessions include adding safeguards to the debt agreements, or seeking more lucrative terms on lending.

The banks also have actively considered walking away from the deal, the sources said. "All options are on the table. Everything you would normally consider is being considered — sticking

background

» BCE won a legal victory Friday after the Supreme Court of Canada backed the company in a battle against a group of bondholders, but negotiations continue between the banks, the buyers and BCE on the terms of the funding, sources said.

with the deal, changing the terms, or walking away. It's all still very much up for discussion," said one source.

Shares of BCE hit a high of \$38.12 yesterday, but closed at \$36.58 on the Toronto Stock Exchange as investors weighed the news of the Supreme Court decision against the risk of renegotiated terms. The stock trades below the \$42.75 per share offer. **REUTERS**

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Washington Nationals first baseman Nick Johnson, left, will undergo surgery today to determine the extent of his right wrist injury. Johnson missed the entire 2007 season after recovering from a broken leg. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canadian cooking for Cubs

The Cubs are all the rage in Chicago these days — actually, throughout baseball — as they rank as MLB's top team and threaten to end their 100-year drought as World Series champions.

They wouldn't be in this lofty position, however, were it not for a Canadian pitcher. Baseball buffs, in fact, are

starting to tout Ryan Dempster — of Gibsons, B.C. — as the logical choice to start for the NL in the All-Star Game at Yankee Stadium in three weeks.

"Ryan's definitely got the numbers," Cubs manager Lou

Piniella told me via telephone yesterday. "If I had to pick one player who's most responsible for what we've done in the first half this season, it might just be Ryan. He's quite a story."

That's a considerably different tune than Piniella was whistling about Dempster last season, when the right-hander struggled lamentably in the



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role of closer for the Cubs. He finished 2007 with a record of 2-7 and an earned-run average of 4.73, which wasn't really much better than the 1-9 and 4.80 he posted as a Chicago reliever in 2006.

After the stench he created out of the Cubs' bullpen, however, Dempster was transformed this season into a starter by Piniella, and the results have been, well, deodorizing.

At 31, Dempster is 9-2, with a 2.63 ERA. He is perfect this year at Chicago's Wrigley Field (9-0), where the Cubs have won 14 consecutive games — their longest winning streak since 1936. The team is 12-3 in games Dempster has started. On Sunday night, he turned in a gem in a victory over the crosstown rival White Sox at a Wrigley Field sellout. Standing ovations were directed at him twice during the internationally televised game.

Translation: Dempster is a shooin as MLB's comeback player of the year.

"It's like I'm a different person," he said in an interview. "I'm giving all the credit to (Cubs clubhouse attendant) Otis Hellman. He's a great cook. It really gets you prepared. I'm trying now to see if I can get him cooking for us on the road."

In reality, Dempster's conditioning has been considerably more responsible for his revival than Hellman's culinary talents.

"You throw a lot more innings as a starter than you do as a closer," Dempster said, "so I realized before the season that I'd better get my body in better shape. I've been working out like crazy, like I never have before, and I know I'm stronger because of it. I'm a lot more confident. I'm thinking big, and I'm performing a lot better and I'm getting great results."

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Ryan Dempster

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» **TENNIS** Argentina's David Nalbandian became the highest men's seed to perish in the opening round at Wimbledon yesterday, beaten 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 by Canada's Frank Dancevic.



Dancevic

The 95th-ranked Dancevic, a native of Niagara Falls, Ont., put the seventh-seed, who was runner-up in 2002, out of misery with a booming ace, his 16th of the match. Other notables advancing yesterday included Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic, Lleyton Hewitt, Marat Safin, Serena Williams, Ana Ivanovic, Amelie Mauresmo and Svetlana Kuznetsova.

» **NHL** The Ray Emery era in Ottawa is officially over. The Senators bought out the remaining two years of the maligned goaltender's contract yesterday for \$2.25 million US, making him an unrestricted free agent. Emery, 25, went 12-13-4 with a 3.13 GAA and a .890 save percentage in 31 games this past season.

» **OLYMPICS** Kobe Bryant and LeBron James, the NBA's MVP and its leading scorer, headed the 12-man U.S. Olympic basketball team named yesterday for the Beijing Games. New Orleans Hornets point guard Chris Paul and Toronto Raptors forward Chris Bosh were also included in the squad.

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Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Vipers won't be a secret for long

Local team leads Golden Baseball League North

By LAURENCE HEINEN
for Metro Calgary

The Calgary Vipers might just be one of the best kept sporting secrets around.

Not for long though, especially if they keep up their stellar play in the Golden Baseball League.

Heading into their six-game homestand that starts tonight against the Reno Silver Sox, the Vipers lead the North Division standings with an 18-7 record, which puts them 6½ games ahead of the Edmonton Cracker-Cats (12-14).

"The city does know that we're around and we're a pretty decent team to come and watch and enjoy some baseball," said outfielder Drew Miller, who sits second in the league with a .425 batting average, third with 10 home runs and fourth with 32 runs batted in. "Fans are always fantastic. That always helps us out."

The Vipers rounded out a six-game road trip on Satur-

day by winning both ends of a doubleheader against the Silver Sox in Reno on Saturday.

After downing Reno 12-8 on Friday night, the Vipers then recorded 14-3 and 10-5 wins over the Sox the next day to stretch their winning

streak to four and give them eight wins in their past 10 contests.

"We have a lot of chemistry right now," said

Miller, who has been with the Vipers since their inception four seasons ago. "Everyone else kind of feeds off of it and it helps out that way."

Tonight at 7, the Vipers will open a six-day homestand at Foothills Stadium with ace Evan Greusel (4-0) drawing the starting pitching assignment. Tomorrow night, Nate Melek (1-1) will take to the mound before the Snakes round out their three-game set against the Silver Sox on Thursday (2:30 p.m.) with Jordy Alexander (3-1) getting the start.

Despite Calgary's success against the Sox this past weekend, Miller said the

Vipers shouldn't take Reno too lightly.

"They were a scrappy team," said the 28-year-old Medicine Hat native. "They had a bad game where they had eight errors. They've got some pretty decent pitchers.

Their bullpen was pretty strong. We just have to go out there and plug away as well as always."

On Friday (7 p.m.), the Vipers will get their first look this season at the Long Beach Armada (12-12) before the same two teams battle it out at Foothills Stadium on Saturday (5 p.m.) and Sunday (1:30 p.m.).

"This will be the first time we've seen them," said Miller, who's not sure what to expect from the South Division squad.

"You never really know until you actually face a team and play them."

With 19 games left in the first half of the season, the Snakes are looking to slither their way into a playoff spot by continuing their recent fine play.

«The city does know that we're around and we're a pretty decent team to come and watch and enjoy some baseball.»

Vipers outfielder Drew Miller



CATHERINE BOUTIN FOR METRO CALGARY

Calgary Vipers outfielder Drew Miller waits for a pitch during recent Golden Baseball League action. Miller is second in the league with a .425 batting average, third with 10 home runs and fourth with 32 RBIs.

Vipers, Flyers dominate stats

» The Calgary Vipers (18-7) and the Orange County Flyers (18-6) have both dominated the early going in the Golden Baseball League. After games played on Sunday, the Flyers led the league with an impressive .347 team batting average, while the Vipers weren't far behind at .321.

» On the pitching side, the Vipers have compiled a league best 5.33 earned-run average, but the Flyers weren't far behind at 5.35. » Individually, Maikel Jova of the Yuma Scorpions led the circuit with a .432 batting average, with Drew Miller of the Vipers in close pursuit at .425. Patrick Breen of the Flyers

and Joe Giannetti of the Edmonton Cracker-Cats were tied for third, one percentage point behind Miller.

» Heading into action on Monday, Derrick Loop of the Chico Outlaws led all pitchers with a 1.53 ERA to go with a perfect 3-0 record. Not to be outdone, Calgary's Evan Greusel has put up a 4-0 record with a 2.58 ERA.

» Matt Merricks of the Flyers sat in third with a 2.70 ERA to go with a 2-0 record, while teammate Andre Simpson led the league with a 6-0 record with a 4.06 ERA.

» Edmonton's Pete Sikaras had recorded a league-best five saves after weekend play.

Trip Down Under does wonders for Miller

By LAURENCE HEINEN
for Metro Calgary

Although the team he played for didn't fare too well, Drew Miller credited a trip Down Under for helping him hone his batting skills.

After the Calgary Vipers finished their Northern League season last fall, Miller headed to the south Australian capital of Adelaide to play for the Northern District Reds.

"Playing baseball in Australia definitely helped me ... keep my swing," said Miller, who led the league in both home runs and runs batted in, while maintaining an average well over .300.

Calgary teammate Kevin Price also played for the Reds and was honoured as the team's most valuable player after the season, while Miller took home the batting award.

Since returning to the Vipers, who joined the Golden Baseball League this season, Miller has further honed his skills by getting tips from batting coach Morgan Burkhart and veteran teammate Darryl Brinkley.

"You talk to some of the other guys and they give you little hints and little tips here

and there," said Miller, who leads the Vipers with a .425 batting average, 10 home runs and 32 RBIs. "It's one of those things. You just try to go out there every day and hit that ball hard."

While he hasn't had many off games this season for the 18-7 Vipers, Miller said he has plenty of teammates who can pick up the slack if he's slumping.

"If one guy has a down day, then two guys usually step up," said the 6-foot-1, 230-pound outfielder. "It's crazy

how potent our offence can be."

Calgary teammate Felix Jose (.415, 8 HR, 22 RBI) has also had a great start to the season, while Brinkley, Patrick Arlis, Nelson Castro, Jorge Mejia and Jorge Tang have all maintained averages above .300 in regular action.

While it has been a banner season so far for the hard-hitting Vipers, Miller warned that the team will have to continue to work hard to stay on a roll. "You try your best to stay out of any slumps," he said. "It's tough to do that. You try to go out there every day, play away and hopefully everything goes your way."

«Playing baseball in Australia definitely helped me ... keep my swing.»

Viper outfielder Drew Miller

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» Map out your errands. Do multiple errands on the same morning or afternoon and plan out your trip ahead of time. Consolidate drives to locations that are close to each other. If possible, park your car in one spot and walk when you get there.

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» Park in the first spot you find. If you wander all over the parking lot looking for

that really close parking space, you'll use more gas and waste more time.

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We would like to dedicate this column to the loving memory of Duane — 2001 Pontiac Grand AM. Thanks for the good times.

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Day to night makeup

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From the editors of alive magazine; alive.metro@alive.com

When it comes to makeup, it's easier than you think to transform a neutral daytime palette into something chic and sultry for a night on the town. The rules for day still apply, but with a twist.

To go from day to evening, keep your look fresh and natural — just add depth, a little shimmer, and a lot more shine.

FIND GOOD-QUALITY, PORTABLE PRODUCTS

» Before you head out in the morning, along with your makeup, pack a set of professional makeup brushes made with natural bristles. Not only are they handy for touch-ups, but they are also easier to clean and carry fewer bacteria than sponge applicators.

FOCUS ON YOUR EYES

» Now play up your eyes. After all, smoky eyes are a girl's best friend. Try adding a darker taupe eyeshadow in the crease and to the outside corner of the lid, blending well. Using charcoal, chocolate brown or deep plum eyeliner or shadow, line the eye at the lash line and smudge for instant drama.

GIVE FLAWS THE SLIP

» To get ready for the

beauty tips

Save time and space:

» Palettes and multipurpose colour sticks are handy — you don't have to carry your entire makeup collection.

» Palettes contain several shades of eye or lip colour, while multipurpose colour sticks can be used on lips, cheeks, and eyes.

The eyes:

» Plump lashes with an eyelash curler.

» Adding more mascara on top of existing mascara will cause yucky clumps to form.

The cheeks:

» Brush bronzer down from the temple and over the apple of the cheek.

» Keep blush to a minimum so focus stays on the eyes.

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evening, freshen your look by removing existing makeup and reapplying foundation to a clean complexion. Apply tinted moisturizer or a light concealer on trouble spots such as blemishes or sunspots, and set with a dusting of translucent powder.

MAKE YOUR LIPS

SPEAK VOLUMES

» Neutral lipstick colours plump up lips naturally and allow smoky eyes to dominate your evening look.



Allow smoky eyes to dominate your evening look with a nude or natural shade of lipstick, layered with clear or tinted lip gloss.

Freshen your look with a tinted moisturizer like this one from Aveda, \$25 (50ml). www.aveda.com.

Apply a nude or natural shade of lipstick and layer with clear or tinted lip gloss.

GET CHEEKY

» Gently highlight cheekbones with a bronzy glow. Dot a sheer powder or liquid

highlighter at the tops of the cheekbones and blend. Play with light and shadows by adding highlights to the centre of the forehead, chin, neck and shoulders.

A sexy, polished night time look can be yours — just be playful and have fun.

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A recent report found PVC shower curtains contained numerous hazardous chemicals that could damage reproductive systems.

PVC shower curtain chemicals

Report on vinyl warns of product contamination

As many as 100 harmful chemicals are released into the air from PVC shower curtains, according to a recent study.

Toxic chemical off-gassing may contribute to respiratory irritation, damage to the liver, central nervous and reproductive systems, according to the report, titled "Volatile vinyl: The new shower curtain's chemical smell."

The report was released jointly by the U.S.-based Center for Health, Environment and Justice, Canada-based Environment Defence and Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA).

Pregnant women and children are particularly vulnerable, and heat or humidity can increase the release of chemicals, said the report.

Using PVC shower curtains purchased from U.S. retailers, researchers found numerous hazardous chemicals including volatile organic compounds (VOC), phthalate, organotins and metals. Seven of the chemicals are classified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as hazardous air pollutants and several are considered human health concerns — but not regulated — under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act.

"Not only are vinyl products contaminating our indoor air, but they release toxic dioxins during manufacturing and incineration," said CELA executive director Theresa McClenaghan.

Environment Defence and CELA urged Ottawa to ban PVC in shower curtains and called on manufacturers and retailers to switch to safer products, such as those made of cotton. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



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Garage sale etiquette



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If a garage sale is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m., serious buyers will arrive at 6:45 a.m., warns our columnist Anne Hines, a garage sale veteran.



HINESIGHT
ANNE HINES

Summer. Time to slap on the Coppertone, throw on a cover-up, floppy hat, dark glasses, and get out and enjoy the sun. I am a great believer in sunscreen. I use SPF 597. By September, I often end up whiter than I started out.

This is also the season to participate in that great Canadian ritual, the street garage sale. In my neigh-

bourhood, we call it the annual Trading of the Trash. Once a year, for three hours on a Saturday morning, we attempt to sell our friends and neighbours all the things we can't wait to get rid of ourselves.

Having had years of garage sale experience, I am happy to provide these handy tips to those trying it for the first time.

If the sale is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m., the serious buyers will arrive at your place promptly at 6:45 a.m.

It is poor etiquette to view any item of your neighbour's and exclaim, "I can't believe you actually bought that!" particularly when you yourself are trying to hock the coconut bra you brought back from your last vacation.

Seek out garage sales being thrown by gay couples. The stuff they're throwing out will be nicer than the stuff you're keeping.

Impress on your children that the point of a street sale is to get rid of more stuff than they buy from other people. One year my daughter, Becky, came home dragging a giant pink semi-petrified stuffed horse that she couldn't believe someone sold to her for \$1. I am still not speaking to those neighbours.

A common mistake among newbie garage-salers is assuming that the designer feathered lamp you paid \$200 for in a store ought to fetch more than \$1.50 at a garage sale. To find the proper price, fol-

low these simple steps.

1.) Imagine that the item being priced was a birthday gift from an ex-boyfriend/girlfriend/employer/spouse.

2.) Imagine you noticed a sticker on the bottom that said, "Free with purchase of Beefyman Beer."

3.) Imagine the item also came with a card reading, "To Sue, with all my love."

4.) Your name is not Sue.

Subtract 25¢ (if you still can) and you have the proper garage sale price.

Finally, feel free to buy for yourself anything and everything that catches your eye. You'll have something to sell next year.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.



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Hip-hop producer Timbaland, left, tied the knot with publicist and mother of his child, Monique Idlett, in Aruba on Sunday.

EL NEWS ONLINE

Small town, big dream

Geography plays role for some Idol hopefuls

By SANDY CAETANO
for Metro Calgary

Being from a small city or town may not shape a star in the same way as being from a big city would, but it definitely has its own advantages.

Canadian Idol's Top 24 competitor Theo Tams, a 22-year-old student from Lethbridge Alta., says that in its own unique way, being from a small town has prepared him for what to expect if he makes it big.

"I grew up in a small town of just over 6,000 people where everybody knew everybody, anonymity was pretty much non-existent," Tams tells Metro.

"Now that I am in Canadian Idol and starting to be recognized, it's almost easier to deal with because I'm kind of used to everyone knowing who I am," he says. "The whole 'small town big dreams' cliché exists for a reason."

Tams says when you grow up in a small town, you learn to appreciate things a little more than people from a bigger city who probably would like getting even the smallest amount of exposure.

For people like Tams and fellow Top 24 member Am-



Amberly Thiessen, above, of *Seven Persons*, Alta., and Theo Tams, right of Lethbridge, Alta., are among Canadian Idol's Top 24.

berly Thiessen, it's a blessing you don't take lightly.

"I think that being from a small town and then moving to a big city really opens the mind and well rounds an individual," says Thiessen, 19, from *Seven Persons*, Alta. "Not only does that person know the excitement of a big city, they also know the feeling of a small town. They have experienced both ends of the spectrum and can relate to a larger amount of people."

When you're from a small town like Lethbridge or *Seven Persons*, past seasons of Canadian Idol has demonstrated that the support these hopefuls get tend to be



stronger than someone from a bigger city.

"In a small town everyone knows everyone and your fan base is tighter," says

Thiessen. "In a large city you don't run into everyone more often like you would in a small community. Your face is more familiar."

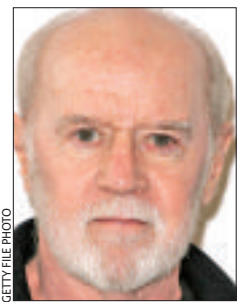
Edgy comic George Carlin remembered

Comedian George Carlin, who had a history of heart and drug-dependency problems, died at Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica after being admitted earlier in the afternoon for chest pains, spokesman Jeff Abraham told Reuters.

Known for his edgy, provocative material developed over 50 years, the bald, bearded Carlin achieved status as an anti-Establishment icon in the 1970s with stand-up bits full of drug references and a routine called *Seven Words You Can Never Say On Television*. A regulatory battle over a radio broadcast of the routine ultimately reached the U.S. Supreme Court.

In the 1978 case, Federal Communications Commission vs. Pacifica Foundation, the top U.S. court ruled that the words cited in Carlin's routine were indecent, and that the government's broadcast regulator could ban them from being aired at times when children might be listening.

The Grammy-winning Carlin remained an active pres-



George Carlin

ence on the comedy circuit. Carlin was scheduled to receive the John F. Kennedy Center's prestigious Mark Twain Prize for American Humor in November and Carlin performed in Las Vegas this month.

His comedic sensibility revolved around a central theme: Humanity is a cursed, doomed species.

"I don't have any beliefs or allegiances. I don't believe in this country, I don't believe in religion, or a god, and I don't believe in all these man-made institutional ideas," he told Reuters in a 2001 interview. **REUTERS**

Indy tops overseas box office

Propelled by a powerhouse opening in Japan, Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull reclaimed the No. 1 spot at the foreign box office after an absence of two weekends.

The adventure earned \$25 million US from 62 markets, lifting its total foreign take to \$392 million. Japan contributed a huge

\$13.1 million.

The Incredible Hulk was second overall with \$23.4 million from 50 territories — 12 of them new — raising its international total to \$63.3 million.

Sex And The City finished a close No. 3 with \$21.4 million from 52 territories. Its foreign total stands at \$170 million. **REUTERS**

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Pop star Janet Jackson, left, might feel "allergic to marriage," but she is ready to have a baby, says longtime boyfriend Jermaine Dupri.

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Cowboy fights M&Ms

Performer allowed to move forward with lawsuit

The \$6-million lawsuit filed by the New York City street performer known as The Naked Cowboy against M&M's candy maker Mars Inc. can go forward on grounds of trademark infringement, a judge ruled yesterday.

Robert Burck — for 10 years a fixture in Times Square, who strums a white guitar while dressed only in white cowboy boots and hat and skimpy white underwear — filed the suit in February over video billboards depicting a blue M&M dressed in his signature outfit.

U.S. District Court Judge Denny Chin denied a motion to dismiss the lawsuit, rul-



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Robert Burck, a.k.a the Naked Cowboy, can go ahead with a \$6-million lawsuit against Mars Inc. for trademark infringement a judge decided yesterday.

ing that Burck may proceed with his false endorsement claim, "for he plausibly alleges that consumers seeing defendants' advertisements would conclude — incorrectly — that he had en-

dorsed M&M candy."

Chin dismissed Burck's right to privacy claim, noting that New York law protects the name, portrait or picture of a living person but not that of a character

or a role created by or performed by a living person.

Burck, who poses for photos with giggling tourists in return for dollars slipped into his boots, has trademarked his look and likeness to companies for endorsements and advertisements, including a Chevrolet commercial that appeared during a Super Bowl, the suit says.

In addition to Mars, Burck sued Chute Gerdeman Inc., the agency that created the ads with the Naked Cowboy M&M as well as ads with M&Ms dressed as other characters associated with New York, including the Statue of Liberty and King Kong.

Chin ordered attorneys for both sides to appear for a pretrial conference on July 11.

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Hammond's album more focused, firm

Strokes guitarist Albert Hammond Jr. says he never really set out to record his solo debut, Yours To Keep.

"It was more about just leaving the safety of my home and making something more than demos," he says of the album, which arrived in 2006 in England on Rough Trade and hit American stores early last year via Scratchie/New Line. "By the end of the process," he adds, "I had sort of finished an album, and it was like, 'Holy s--t, here's a band.' It was very exciting, so we started touring."

Hammond's intentions for Como Te Llama? (to be re-

leased July 8) were somewhat firmer. While on the road supporting Yours To Keep — playing 130 shows in nine months,

per Hammond's estimation, including a North American tour with Incubus — he began writing the songs he knew would end up forming his second solo set.

"I had in mind that I was going into the studio to make a record with other players," he says, "and that gave everything a different feel."

But Llama still emphasizes the bandleader's knack for tuneful indie pop, with its bright guitar and occasional soul and reggae flashes. **REUTERS**



Hammond Jr.

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» **FASHION** Fashion designer Tom Ford's sales are not feeling the impact of the credit crunch, he told reporters yesterday, as he launched his first directly owned store in Europe where suits will sell for upwards of \$3,800. "Absolutely not at all," said Ford, when asked if customers were feeling the pinch. "Our customers are

maybe not buying a house or a Warhol, but they are still buying clothes," he said, without giving detailed figures. "We are way ahead of our projections." Ford set up his own design line in 2005 with Domenico De Sole after the two left Italian fashion house Gucci following a failure to agree on contract terms. **REUTERS**

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Alfre Woodard, right, will star opposite Christian Slater in NBC's new Jekyll and Hyde-themed drama series *My Own Worst Enemy*. Woodard will play a tough and astute boss at Janus HQ. REUTERS



I'm no Simon, insists reality judge JC Chasez

Former 'N SYNC singer denies being 'mean'

By **TINA CHADHA**
Metro World News

JC Chasez would rather not be compared to Simon Cowell just because he's a judge on MTV's wildly popular competitive dance show, *America's Best Dance Crew*.

"Everyone says that but I've never once said anything mean," explains the 32-year-old former 'N SYNC singer who, like Cowell, entices boos from the crowd for his harsh critiques, even to seemingly perfect routines. Chasez is a stickler for "details."

"I've never said, like, I'd rather stab myself in the eye than watch you guys dance," he says indignantly. "I give critiques, you know, because I want it to be the best it can possibly be. I want them to achieve their maximum potential."

If Chasez sounds like a relentless stage mom, it's because of all those years he spent in the spotlight as a Mouseketeer on Disney's *Mickey Mouse Club* where, together with pals such as Justin Timberlake and Britney Spears, he learned the kind of skills that made 'N SYNC "the biggest band in the world" at the time, selling 56 million records worldwide.

Now, the singer/songwriter from Maryland



Singer JC Chasez arrives at the 17th annual MTV Movie Awards on June 1, in Universal City, Calif. Chasez is a judge on MTV's competitive dance show, *America's Best Dance Crew*, but doesn't care for comparison's to Simon Cowell.

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gets to share this knowledge when he reprises his judging duties on the second season of *America's Best Dance Crew*, premiering on June 19. The show, a brainchild of Randy Jackson, capitalizes on the country's current obsession with dance. Each week, hip hop crews battle it out to see who can krump, pop lock, and flip the best.

The response to the first season was so

overwhelming (7.9 million regular viewers and more than 38 million voted during the finale) that MTV couldn't wait to bring it back.

When viewers aren't on the couch watching the show, they're online ripping Chasez and fellow judge 'Lil Mama apart for their critiquing style. "I've been performing since I was 12," says Chasez. "The scope of it is, I spent 8 years in a band that travelled the world and played the biggest venues in the world. I actually lived in the group dynamic from the onstage point of view of what we wanted to project."

Chasez doesn't plan on revisiting the boy band setting anytime soon,

though. He's busy working on an album (Timberlake is on board as a producer) that he aims to release this fall and is starring in a movie.

"I get excited about art," he says, "once you become part of something you want it to be the best it can possibly be, so you feel like if you can add to it you do it."

Bassey pulls out of Mandela concert

Singer has not yet recovered from recent surgery

Welsh-born singer Shirley Bassey has pulled out of Friday's London concert to celebrate former South African President Nelson Mandela's 90th birthday.

The 71-year-old, best known for her James Bond movie theme songs *Goldfinger* and *Diamonds Are Forever*, underwent emergency surgery on her stomach in May and was advised by doctors not to travel to London from her home in Monaco.

"On the advice of her surgeon, Dame Shirley Bassey will now not be able to perform as scheduled at the Nelson Mandela 46664 concert," said her spokesman "The dame is hugely disappointed and was looking forward to the show immensely. Dame Shirley has been advised

not to travel at the present time, so as to



Shirley Bassey

aid her continued full recovery following surgery last month."

The concert, in London's Hyde Park, is expected to feature acts including Queen, Leona Lewis, Annie Lennox, Simple Minds and Razorlight. Proceeds from the concert will go to the 46664 global campaign against HIV/AIDS, named after Mandela's prison number. REUTERS

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Actress Elizabeth Perkins, left, has blasted the myth the cast of the comedy *Weeds* smokes real marijuana on-set, insisting producers supply them with a harmless "stunt herb."

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Lawsuits, debts and sales

CREDIT WHERE CREDIT'S

DUE: Three writers and producers are taking Corey Haim and Corey Feldman — a.k.a. "The Two Coreys" — to court, claiming that they deserve credit for the reality show of the same name that brings the '80s has-beens back together, according to a *TMZ.com* story. The trio are asking for \$1 million dollars US in compensation.

The lesson of the day is that Hollywood is the only place where anyone would think of demanding credit for such a thing.

It's like some clapped-out swinger fighting for royalties on herpes.

BAD NEWS FOR SECOND

BANANAS: Last month, we learned that Ed McMa-



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hon was about to lose his Beverly Hills home, as unpaid mortgage loans meant almost immediate foreclosure, news that was somehow played as a high watermark in the U.S. subprime mortgage crisis.

This week, *TMZ.com* is carrying a story that, thanks to debts run up by his wife Pamela, McMahon owes some \$750,000 on his American Express card.

Did you ever get the feeling that everything started going to hell the morning after Johnny Carson went off the air?

NOT JUST SURVIVING:

Former paratrooper and "manny" Mark Burnett might have a few bucks he can loan McMahon, with news that the reality TV impresario is rumoured to be selling his production company to IMG, the talent agency and production company who brought you such golden titles as *American Gladiators* and *Battle Of The Network Stars*.

According to a story by the usually-reliable Nikki Finke of L.A. Weekly, Burnett is discussing a figure of around \$500 million for his stable of reality shows,

half of it up front, the rest to be "earned out" — paid when IMG sees the returns on its investment. IMG's head of global operations was recently witnessed defending Burnett at a Hollywood entertainment conference this week, and went on to say that Burnett was a "visionary genius" who's "reimagining television and its models."

Considering how steeply almost all of Burnett's "visionary" shows lose viewership after their first couple of seasons, IMG must have inside information that O.J. Simpson will be doing the next *Celebrity Apprentice* chained to Judge Lance Ito, Marcia Clark and Mark Fuhrman, in a Plexiglas sphere suspended over a

huge vat of boiling Cheez Whiz.

GEORGE CARLIN R.I.P.:

The comedian, who passed away this weekend, was one of the major inspirations of my young life — proof of how much mileage you could get just by telling jokes that made your parents upset. I'd write a longer tribute, but I'm pretty sure I already did that a couple of years ago, when I managed to get a certain Anglo-Saxon four-letter expletive printed over a dozen times in this column, without a single complaint.

That one was for you, George.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

television

Rivals join fight against Blue fine

INDECENCY? More than three years after it went off the air, *NYPD Blue* is still at the centre of a battle over broadcast indecency, Reuters reports.

Fox, NBC, Telemundo and CBS on Friday filed a legal brief denouncing as unconstitutional the Federal Communications Commission's decision to fine ABC \$1.2 million US for airing a female derrière during a 2003 episode of the cop drama.

ABC paid the fine, and then appealed to New York's 2nd Circuit Court of Appeal, claiming the commission's decision is "arbitrary, capricious and contrary to the law." The intervenor filing by the rival broadcasters claims the FCC's order "reveals various starkly unlawful and unconstitutional aspects" of an "expanding regime" bent on enforcing bans on "indecent" broadcasting.

The FCC has said it will defend the order and continue to enforce the law when inappropriate content is aired at a time when children are watching TV.

books

Shields releases children's book

PEOPLE Actress Brooke Shields, who will publish her first children's book today, said writing the story was more difficult than recording her struggle with postpartum depression.

"This honestly was so much harder than writing (her memoirs) *Down Came The Rain*," Shields told Reuters in a recent interview.

"When you're dealing with a children's book so much has to be said in the drawings and then whatever's left, the most important part, has to be preserved for the one or two lines.

"It's just easier for me to be verbose," she said, laughing.

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What is it with television and the fixation on hunky doctors? In the new episode "Baby? What Baby?" Bobbi (Gabrielle Miller) meets Dr. Right (guest star Shaun Majumder). He's cute, charming and has money to burn. Perfect, right? Well, he would be if he liked kids — of which Bobbi happens to have one. Can the good doctor be turned into father material in time for the wedding in Bobbi's imagination? 9:30 PM on CFCN



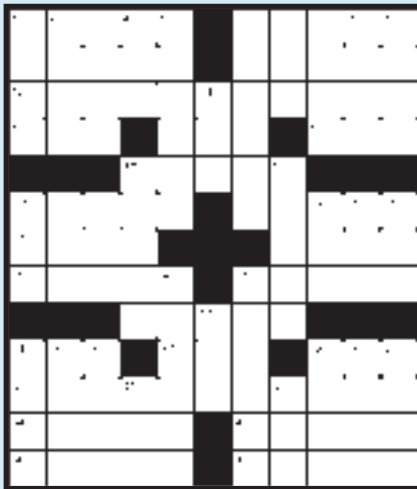
The War Wagon

Although they did several other movies in which they shared little on-screen time, John Wayne and Kirk Douglas are full acting partners in this solid 1967 Western. Directed by genre veteran Burt Kennedy ("Support Your Local Sheriff!"), the tale involves a specially equipped, gold-toting stagecoach. Jackson (Wayne) wants to rob it with the help of Lomax (Douglas), who's been hired by the coach's owner to kill him. 4 PM on TCM

Blood Ties

Deja vu plotlines can be annoying if not done right. Fortunately, in the case of "5:55," the writers did it well. After having the same dream over and over, Vicki (Christina Cox) realizes it's not all in her head: She's actually living the same day more than once. With the realization come her attempts to change fate — which seems to have it in for Mike and Henry (Dylan Neal, Kyle Schmid), Gina Holden, Derek Peakman and Mike Antonakos co-star. 7 PM on SPACE

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The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time»

Under 13 minutes Genius
13-17 minutes Scholar
17-21 Smart
21-25 Pretty good
More than 25 Keep practising

previous answer

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ARIES | March 21-April 20

Diplomatically accept the way things are done. Maintenance slows your travels. A busy workday will be mirthful.



TAURUS | April 21-May 21

Abandonment issues will arise. Be disciplined around your comfort foods. Someone's feelings are hurt while rushing by.



GEMINI | May 22-June 21

Be alert to find a job option. Frenzy results from a change of roles. Stand your ground with a laughable person.



CANCER | June 22-July 22

Make do with what's already available. Some ignorant patter will disturb you. A man who lies must leave the scene.



LEO | July 23-Aug. 23

You can win despite bad odds. A person's game causes a move for freedom. Maintain your honour when you're socializing.



VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Get to the bottom of someone's intimidating actions. Moisture may cause problems. A feeling of insecurity develops after a rebuke.



LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

Don't show surprise when you're asked for a date. Paradise is visited with a virtuous person. Buddy remembers a forgotten promise.



SCORPIO | Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Don't stifle your fantasy life. There's no time limit for having fun. Someone has a trick up his sleeve.



SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23-Dec. 21

A temper tantrum will be counter-productive. An angel of mercy breaks with tradition. Heed a woman's instructions.



CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Power plays keep your brain hopping. Help someone with their tedious tasks. Answer the call to fix a debt problem.



AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

A steamy romantic event boosts your mood. A stranger provokes a hilarious episode. Listen to those who know more than you.



PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Forgive yourself for being thoughtless. A pessimist gets wildly ambitious. Save the best for last at night. AVATAR VENUS

This Day IN HISTORY

June 24, 1880: First performance of our national anthem, O Canada, at the Congrès national des Canadiens-Français.

June 24, 1918: First airmail service in Canada from Montreal to Toronto.

June 24, 1916: Mary Pickford becomes the first female film star to get a million dollar contract.

June 24, 1983: Space Shuttle program: STS-7 Mission Sally Ride, first female American astronaut, returns to earth.

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Thunder-showers.
18°



Partly cloudy.
Low 10°



Variable.
19° / 9°



Cloudy.
18° / 6°



Partly cloudy.
22° / 9°

Temperature Normals
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Low: 7.7°

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Low: 0°/1889

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Sunset: 9:55 p.m.
Moonrise: 12:34 a.m.
Moonset: 11:46 a.m.

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Dion holds world's worst cover version

Music: Céline Dion is responsible for the world's worst cover version, a poll of music experts has decided. The star's rendition of the AC/DC track *You Shook Me All Night Long* was given the dubious honour in the Total Guitar magazine survey, BBC News Online reports.

Dion's cover was "sacrilege," editor Stephen Lawson said. The experts also judged the best cover versions, with Jimi Hendrix's performance of the Bob Dylan song *All Along The Watchtower* top of the list. A Sugababes and Girls Aloud version of *Walk This Way*, a huge hit for Aerosmith and Run DMC, came second in the list of worst covers.

Westlife's 1999 version of the ballad *More Than Words* by rock band Extreme was third in the list. Will Young was fourth with his cover of The Doors' *Light My Fire*, which reached number one in the U.K. top 40 charts in 2002, and The Mike Flowers Pops rounded off the top five with their cover of Oasis' *Wonderwall*.

In the list of best covers, The Beatles' rendition of *Twist And Shout*, first recorded by the Top Notes, was in second place, followed by the Guns N' Roses version of the Wings' song *Live And Let Die*. Nirvana's cover of *The Man Who Sold The World* by David Bowie, and Muse's *Feeling Good*, made famous by Nina Simone, also appeared in the Top 5.

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Lopez throws a fit while shopping?

PEOPLE: Singer-actress Jennifer Lopez reportedly pulled diva-esque behaviour while shopping at the Catherine Malandrino boutique in Manhasset, N.Y., near where she lives with her husband, Marc Anthony, *PageSix.com* reports.



"She demanded the store be shut down for her to shop alone, but they said, 'Absolutely not,'" said a source. "Then one of her eight-person entourage, including two bodyguards with their guns showing, was yelling at the clerk that Jennifer gets a 50 per cent discount."

Lopez's rep did not return a call for comment.

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REALITY TV The producers of *Celebrity Apprentice*, real-estate mogul Donald Trump's reality TV competition, have asked Heather Mills to be a contestant on the show's next season, *PageSix.com* reports an insider

as saying. "Donald (Trump) really likes her, so he was into the idea," said the source.

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Smith doesn't think he's sexy

ATTRACTIVE Will Smith doesn't think he is sexy, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

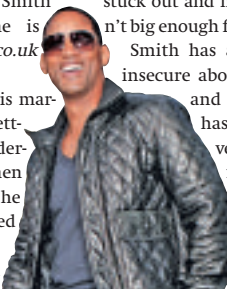
The actor, who is married to Jada Pinkett-Smith, can't understand why women like him, because he has never believed he is attractive.

"I've never seen

myself as sexy," Smith said. "I've been 6-feet-2 since I was 12, and as a kid my ears stuck out and my neck wasn't big enough for my head." Smith has always been insecure about his looks

and claims he has never been very successful with the opposite sex.

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rumours

Depp's marriage not true: Publicist

NUPTIALS Johnny Depp's publicist has been forced to speak out to quash reports alleging the actor and his longtime partner Vanessa Paradis have married, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports. The actor was rumoured to be planning to wed Paradis at actress Sandra Bullock's Georgia home earlier this month, but Depp's representative shot down those claims, insisting they were false. The couple has been together for 10 years and have two children.

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Celebrity brief

SUPPORT Kate Moss is said to be "beside herself" following Rhys Ifans' split from Sienna Miller, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The supermodel, who has had a rocky friendship with the actress, has been rallying around Ifans since the breakup earlier this month, and is doing everything she can to cheer him up.

Meanwhile, Miller is getting support from some unlikely sources, including her ex-boyfriend Jude Law.

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Celebrity Buzz

Spears fears she'll die at 27

LIFE Britney Spears fears she won't live to see her 28th birthday, according to the author of a shocking new exposé about the troubled pop star.

Biographer and journalist Ian Halperin spent 18 months studying the singer as an undercover paparazzo, getting close to the star and her inner circle, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports. And now he's writing about his findings in a book which he hopes to have on

shelves by Christmas.

Amid all the claims of drug abuse, bipolar problems and suicidal tendencies, Halperin states Spears told him personally she fears she will die at 27.

The biographer, who ironically penned a book about Kurt Cobain — who lost his life at 27, tells *Life & Style*

magazine, "She told me she feared she'd die at age 27 (her current age), just like other music stars, like Janis Joplin and Kurt Cobain."

Spears turns 28 on Dec. 2.

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Ritchie ventures into whisky

BUSINESS Madonna's husband Guy Ritchie is planning to take on a new business venture by creating his own whisky, *imdb.com* reports. The moviemaker is set on making the best and most ex-

pensive whisky ever, rumoured to sell for up to six figures. A source tells Britain's *The Sun*, "He plans to stuff the current top prices with his brand. He reckons there are plenty of rich businessmen and rock stars who would pay six figures for the world's best whisky."

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Paltrow pregnant?

RUMOURS Gwyneth Paltrow has sparked rumours she is pregnant after she was spotted with a much more shapely figure, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports. The 35-year-old star also revealed earlier this month she would consider having another baby because she loves being a mum.

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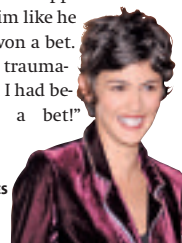
Holmes sends Kidman surprise gift

BABY BASKET Actress Katie Holmes is making nice with mom-to-be Nicole Kidman by giving her baby gifts, *star-magazine.com* reports. Holmes shipped a gift basket to Kidman, the ex-wife of her husband Tom Cruise. The basket has been stuffed with toys, onesies, a blanket and more from Neiman Marcus

Tautou struggles with celeb status

PEOPLE Actress Audrey Tautou was sickened by the way her life changed after becoming a celebrity, *imdb.com* reports. The *Da Vinci Code* star shot to international stardom after her roles in French cult film *Amélie* and the big-screen adaptation of Dan Brown's hit book, but has struggled with losing her anonymity. She tells Britain's *Daily Express*, "I remember when I became very famous after *Amélie* ... A guy came over and gave me a kiss on the cheek. I was shocked. Then he went back to his table and everybody was applauding him like he had won a bet. I was traumatized. I had become a bet!"

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people

WEDDING Ellen DeGeneres has set a date for her wedding to Portia de Rossi, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The couple — who have been together since December 2004 — revealed their intention to marry when same sex ceremonies were legalized in California last month. DeGeneres refused to reveal when the wedding will take place, but did tell fans the ceremony will be broadcast on her talk show.

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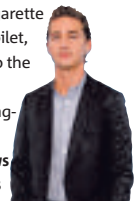


alarm bells

LIGHTING UP Shia LaBeouf set off smoke alarms in a U.S. museum when he lit a cigarette in the bathroom, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The 21-year-old actor received a stern warning from officials at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, in Washington D.C., after attempting to smoke in the bathroom while filming his new movie *Transformers 2*. When he realized he had set off the alarm, LaBeouf tried to flush the cigarette down the toilet, according to the *National Enquirer* magazine.

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Barnes unhappy with sex symbol status

HEART-THROB The *Chronicles Of Narnia*: Prince Caspian star Ben Barnes is embarrassed about his new heart-throb status — insisting he is not comfortable

able when people view him as a sex symbol, *imdb.com* reports. The 26-year-old shot to fame with the title role in the latest adaptation of C.S. Lewis' novels. Barnes insists that although he is grateful for the career boost, he is worried about becoming famous for his looks and not his acting. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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